by the Assistant Supply Officer. As regards the other stocks, the sales are effected according to the directions of the Assistant Supply Officers.

(c) There is no hard and fast rule like that. The stock of oil at the disposal of Government being limited and requisition being resorted to only sparingly, in places like Talappally, Chittur, etc., sale is effected to consumers on production of ration cards.

(d) Yes, if he has stock of cocoanut oil and unless it is required by the Assistant Supply Officer for diversion to other merchants for an equitable distribution of the oil. At present coconut oil is distributed in retail mostly through licensed retailers only and where there are no retailers through other merchants who were in the line.

HOTELS—CHARGES FOR MEALS, ETC.

473. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: താഴെ എഴുതുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ,—

(എ) ഫുഡ് ചിങ്ങം 1-ാംതീയ്യതിമുമ്പ് കൊച്ചിയിലെ ഹോട്ടലുകളിൽ ഊണിന് എന്തു ചാർജ്ജാണ് വ്യവസ്ഥചെയ്തിരുന്നത്;

(ബി) ഫുഡ് ചിങ്ങം 1-ാംതീയ്യതിക്കുശേഷം ഈ നിരക്ക് കൂട്ടുകയോ, കുറക്കുകയോ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്രയായിട്ട്;

(ഡി) അപ്രകാരം ഒരു ചാർജ്ജ് വ്യത്യാസം എപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനെ പ്രേരകമായിതീർന്ന കാരണങ്ങൾ എന്തു;

(ഇ) ഭേദപ്പെടുത്തിയ നിരക്ക് അടുത്ത കാലത്തു പഴയ തോതിലേക്കുതന്നെ കൊണ്ടുവരികയുണ്ടായോ;

(എഫ്) ഇങ്ങിനെ കൂടക്കൂടെ ഉള്ള മാറ്റത്തിനുണ്ടായ ഹേതുവെന്തു?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ:

(എ) സ്റ്റാണ്ടേർഡ് മിൽ ഹോട്ടലുകളിൽ 8ണ.യും മറ്റു ഹോട്ടലുകളിൽ 5ണ.യും.

(ബി) കൂട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(സി) 10ണ.യും, 6ണ.യും ആയിട്ട്.

(ഡി) വെളിച്ചെണ്ണ, നാളികേരം മുതലായ സാധനങ്ങളുടെ വർദ്ധിച്ച വിലയെ പരിഗണിച്ച് റയിറ്റ് കൂട്ടേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് ഹോട്ടൽ കച്ചവടക്കാരിൽനിന്നും ഉണ്ടായ അപേക്ഷ അന്വേഷിച്ചാണ് ഈ വ്യത്യാസപ്പെടുത്തൽ ഉണ്ടായത്.

(ഇ) ഉവ്വ്.

(എഫ്) ഇപ്പോൾ വെളിച്ചെണ്ണയുടെയും മറ്റും വില കണ്ടോൾ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടാണ് നിരക്ക് പഴയ തോതിലേക്ക് മാറ്റിയത്.

JAGGERY WEIGHT—PARTICULARS REGARDING

474. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the net weight of one bag of jaggery;

(b) what is the weight of one empty gunny bag in which jaggery is packed;

(c) what is the actual net weight of jaggery contained in one bag;

(d) what weight of jaggery is entered in the stock registers of Fair Price Shops and ration shops for every bag of jaggery purchased for sale;

(e) for what price one bag of jaggery is sold to the ration shops;

(f) what is the cost price of one bag of jaggery;

(g) what is the retail price of one lb. of jaggery?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(a) The net weight varies from 130 lbs. to 160 lbs. according to the size of the bag;

(b) This depends on the size of the bag. In some cases there will also be matting in addition to the bag. The weight generally varies from 2½ lbs. to 12 lbs.

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[Mr. P. Govinda Menon—*(cont.)*]

(*c*) Please see answers to (*a*) and (*b*).

(*d*) The actual weight issued from the depots (as noted on the despatch note or indent acknowledged by the Fair Price Shop Managers or retailers) is to be credited in the stock register. The weight thus noted may be gross weight. The tare of gunny is deducted from the stock when the contents of each bag are sold out;

(*e*) The price per bag will vary according to the weight of the jaggery. The price per Cwt. is Rs. 28 for sale to retailers in villages or towns where there are depots and Rs. 27—12—0 for sale to retailers in other places.

(*f*) This varies according to the weight of the jaggery in one bag. Further, jaggery is being purchased from different localities at different prices. The average cost during 1121 came to Rs. 26·48 per Cwt. The market rate for jaggery is often subject to fluctuations. For instance in Madras the price of jaggery rose high towards the end of 1121 and came from about Rs. 31·3 to Rs. 39·5 per Cwt.

(*g*) Re. 0—4—3 per pound.

COCOANUT OIL BUSINESS—OTTUPARA JUNCTION

475. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there were not petitions from traders doing business from Ottupara junction to conduct wholesale business in cocoanut oil;

(*b*) whether anybody doing business away from the Ottupara junction were given permission to conduct the wholesale business in cocoanut oil;

(*c*) what is the working capital of the shop to which wholesale business of cocoanut oi is allowed?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) Yes. There were two petitions from retailers in Ottupara for conducting wholesale business.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) About Rs. 3,000.

COCOANUT OIL—SALE OF—STANDARD OF WEIGHT

476. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many rupee weight pound is prescribed for the sale of cocoanut oil;

(*b*) what is the price per pound of cocoanut oil;

(*c*) what is the price of one standard "൩൭൫" of cocoanut oil;

(*d*) how many rupee weight will there be for one standard "൩൭൫" of cocoanut oil?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) 38·89 rupee weight pound.

(*b*) Re. 0—10—8.

(*c*) Re. 0—6—8.

(*d*) 24·306 rupee weights.

WHOLESALE BUSINESS IN COCOANUT OIL—PETITIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF—PARTICULARS REGARDING

477. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many petitions were received by the Vadakkancheri Assistant Supply Officer for permission to conduct wholesale business in cocoanut oil from traders at Vadakkancheri Kumaranellur and Engakad villages of Talappalli Taluk;

(*b*) who are the petitioners;

(*c*) how many years standing they have in the business line;

(*d*) what are the dates of those petitions and the office Nos. of these petitions;

(*e*) which is the first petition recommended by the Field Officer;

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